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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Jan-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/20/07	01/13/06
Broiler/fryer	155,555	158,682
Light hens	1,121	1,221
Heavy hens	157,939	1,333

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK	ENDING 13-Jan-07 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	238	0	238
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	54	0	54
Same week yr ago	308	3	311
To-date/2007	292	0	292
To-date/2006	423	3	426

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,379	1,285	2,664
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	940	1,326	2,266
Same week yr ago	1,795	1,352	3,147
To-date/2007	2,319	2,611	4,930
To-date/2006	3,185	2,752	5,937

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 13-Jan-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	160,409	1,141	1,285	2,426
Avg Wt	5.42	3.21	7.77	5.63
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	134,317	886	1,326	2,212
Same wk yr ago	167,302	1,487	1,349	2,836
Avg Wt	5.35	3.34	7.90	5.51
To-date/2006	294,726	2,027	2,611	4,638
To-date/2005	317,328	2,762	2,749	5,511

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.4 million head, or 7.0million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 13-Jan-07

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	42,431	83,697	24,265	10,016	160,409
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	6.94	8.21	5.42
% of total /1	27%	52%	15%	6%	100%
Last week	35,209	69,455	18,285	11,368	134,317
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.41	7.01	8.42	5.43
% of total /1	26%	52%	14%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	52,907	75,017	23,973	15,405	167,302
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.42	6.73	8.28	5.35
% of total /1	32%	45%	14%	9%	100%
To date/2007	77,640	153,152	42,550	21,384	294,726
To date/2006	93,248	146,762	47,153	30,165	317,328

^{/1} May not total to 100% due to rounding.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-Jan-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,713	2,506	2	10	4,231
Avg Wt	16.41	38.93	29.11	28.49	29.78
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,476	2,158	8	2	3,644
Same wk yr ago	1,687	2,439	31	4	4,161
Avg Wt	15.95	39.38	26.22	30.20	29.77
To-date/2006	3,189	4,664	10	12	7,875
To-date/2005	2,995	4,405	46	16	7,462

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.

^{/2} Comparable week.